

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SCOTO PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD WITH THE

JONATHAN'S CREEK CHURCH,

AT GRATIOT, LICKING CO., OHIO,

AUGUST 16th, 17th and 18th, 1856.

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List of Churches, Ministers, Meetings, Messengers, Contributions, &c.

CHURCHES, MINISTERS, AND MEETINGS.	MESSENGERS.	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	TOTAL.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
<i>Pleasant Run</i> , - - - - - Jesse Stith, Pastor. J. S. Johnson, 3d†	J. Stith, J. S. Johnson, T. P. Ashbrook, T. McNaghten, J. Peters, J. Kagy.	4	1	1				61	5 00
<i>Frankfort</i> , - - - - - Wm. Baker, Pastor. 1.	I. Sperry.	1	2					14	1 50
<i>Licking</i> , - - - - - M. Beaver, J. Stith 4.	*E. White, J. Roads, I. Winegarner.	3	2					19	2 50
<i>Union</i> , - - - - - Wm. Baker, Pastor, 3. G. N. Tussing.	O. Whistler, A. Stall, * T. Martin.	1						28	2 87
<i>Deer Creek</i> , - - - - - J. Parker, Pastor. 3d.	*J. Parker, *E. Beaty, S. Kauffman, J. Messmore.	1						18	2 75
<i>Laurel</i> , - - - - - G. N. Tussing, Pastor. 1.	*W. Holmes, D. Note- stone, I. Bushy.				1		1	24	1 50
<i>Walnut Creek</i> , - - - - - J. Stith, Pastor. 2d.	J. Hite, sen., J. Hite, jr.; W. Lamb.	1	2				1	20	2 50
<i>Zion</i> , - - - - - Wm. Baker, Pastor. 2.	W. Baker.	2	1				2	21	1 50
<i>Jonathan's Creek</i> , - - - J. Parker, Pastor. J. Stith. 4th.	S. Winegarner, J. Hans- ley, F. Crouch, T. Ma- son.				2			50	4 00
<i>Paint Creek</i> , - - - - - <i>Friendship</i> , - - - - - H. Hendren, Pastor. 2.	No Letter or Messenger. G. N. Tussing, S. Green, M. Mills.				1		1	20	2 50
<i>Darbyville</i> , - - - - - J. S. Johnson, P. 2d.	*J. Davis, T A Peters.				1			13	1 35
<i>Richards' Run</i> , - - - - - Wm. Baker, Pastor. 4th.	W Combs, * S Hays, *P Cockrell.	2					1	24	2 00
<i>Turkey Run</i> , - - - - - H. Hendren, Pastor. 1st.	J Whiteman, H Whiteman.	1	1					18	2 50
<i>Franklin</i> , - - - - - H. Hendren, Pastor. 4th.	W Winegarner, *R Walcot, D. Scofield.	1	1					18	2 00
<i>Bethel</i> , - - - - - J. S. Johnson, Pastor. 1st.	J Williamson, J Rager, *T Blakely.							18	2 00
<i>Swan</i> , - - - - -	No Intelligence.	15	9	4	5	0	6	366	37 47

* Absent members. † 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, refers to Sundays, Saturdays before business of meetings.

The Association met with the Jonathan's Creek Church, pursuant to adjournment. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder William Baker, from 2d Cor., 4 ch., 6 v.,—"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2. Repaired to the house, and after singing, and prayer by the former Moderator, proceeded to business by first calling the roll of Messenger's names,

3. Appointed J. S. Johnson Moderator, and T. P. Ashbrook Clerk, (by nomination.)

4. Invited Corresponding Messengers and Ministers to seats in counsel.

5. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

6. Invitation given to Churches, if any present, that may wish to unite with us, to come forward.

7. A like invitation given to Associations.

8. Letters from Corresponding Associations presented, as follows.

Miami, Letter in Minutes, by Elder S. Williams,

Muskingum, " " " P. Ogle;

Mad River,

Sandusky, " " " A. Ellis;

Clover,

Walhonding, " " " Bro. S. Drake.

9. Circular Letter written by Bro. T. McNaghten presented, read, adopted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

10. Bro. D. Scofield appointed to write the Corresponding Letter and present the same on Monday for inspection.

11. Bro's J. Peters, J. Messmore, and Wm. Winegarner, appointed to arrange the business for Monday.

12. Voted to have four sermons preached on Sunday, for which purpose, chose by ballot, Elders Samuel Williams, Samuel Carpenter, Asa Ellis and Mathew Brown.

13. Adjourned till Monday 9 o'clock, A. M., singing and prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

14. Praise and prayer by the Moderator before entering into business.

15. Messengers names called.

16. Bill of arrangements presented, read and adopted.

17. The Corresponding Letter written by Bro. D. Scofield, read, received and adopted.

18. Appointed the following Corresponding Messengers:

Miami, Elder J. S. Johnson and G. N. Tussing; Muskingum, W. Baker; Madriver, G. N. Tussing; Sandusky, J. Stith and J. S. Johnson; Clover, Bro. D. Scofield and J. Yeoman; Walhonding, Bro. D. Scofield; Licking, J. Stith and J. S. Johnson.

19. Appointed Bro. G. N. Tussing to write the circular for next year.

20. The next Association to convene with the Turkey Run Church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1857, eight miles north-east of Circleville, Pickaway Co., O.

21. Appointed Bro's I. Sperry, J. Hite and J. Williamson to receive and distribute the funds, which was done as follows, viz: J. S. Johnson and E. Toll \$7,75, J. Stith \$5,95, G. N. Tussing \$3,70, Minutes \$10,00, Clerk \$5,00

22. Visitation Meetings appointed as follows:

Friendship Church,	5th Sunday in November,	1856,	W. Baker and P. Ogan;
Laurel	" 1st,	Dec.	" G. N. Tussing and P. Ogan;
Richard's-run	" 2d	Nov.	" M. Brown and G. N. Tussing;
Paint Creek	" 3d	Nov.	" Hendron and S. Williams;
Licking	" 4th	Sept.	" T. Harper, G. N. Tussing and others.

The meetings at each of the above places, commence on Saturday before at 10 o'clock, A. M.

23. *Resolved*, That we change the first Article of our Confession of Faith, that it shall read, "We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one."

24. *Resolved*, That Hucksters be permitted to sell provisions &c., within a reasonable distance of the stand, provided they vend no ardent spirits, or cause any other disturbance, and the Church with whom the Association may convene is requested to take charge of this matter.

25. *Resolved*, That the Association returns its thanks to the brethren and friends, for their kind hospitality during its session.

26. Adjourned by singing and prayer by Elder William Baker.

T. P. ASHBROOK, Clerk.

J. S. JOHNSON, Moderator.

PREACHING AT THE STAND.

Saturday, Asa Ellis, 1st Cor. 2 ch. 4 v.

P. Ogan, Heb. 12 ch. 14-16 vs.

Sunday, M. Brown, Math. 9 ch. 12-13 vs.

S. Carpenter, 2nd Tim. 1 ch. 9-10 vs.

J. Fisher, followed in connection.

S. Williams, 2nd Cor. 12 ch. 9.

A. Ellis, Eph. 2 ch. 4 v.

Monday, T. Harper, J. Crabtree.

Bro. G. N. Tussing offered a few remarks in the close, thus ended the fifty-first anniversary, and I would remark, one of the largest, and most pleasant meetings I have ever attended. The preaching was all of the same piece, and unanimity abounded throughout.

CLERK.

TIMES AND PLACES OF CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Miami—Pleasant Church, Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1856.

Muskingum—Friendship Church, Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1856.

Madriver—Zoar Church, Allen Co., O., six miles south-west of Lima, Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1856.

Sandusky—Honey-Creek Church, Friday before the 2d Sunday in June 1857.

Clover—

Walhonding—Southern Church Friday before the 2d Sunday in Sept. 1856.

Licking—Monroe Church, Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1856.

MINISTERS PRESENT, AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Scioto Ass.—Wm. Baker, Clarksburg, Ross Co., O.

Jesse Stith, East Rushville, Fairfield Co., O.

J. S. Johnson, Pleasantville, " " "

G. N. Tussing, Pickerington " " "

D. Scofield, Willard Station, Franklin " " "

Miami—Samuel Williams, Lebanon, Warren " " "

Muskingum—Abraham Stevens, Zanesville, Muskingum County Ohio.

Wm. Butler, West “ “ “ “

John Crabtree, Dresden, “ “ “ “

Joseph Sperry, Mount Sterling “ “ “ “

Samuel Merideth, Linville, Licking County, Ohio.

S. C. Smith.

C. McClelland, Jacktown “ “ “ “

Samuel Carpenter, Lancaster, Fairfield County Ohio.

Thos. Harper, Lexington, Perry County Ohio.

Mathew Brown “ “ “ “

P. Olan

Hiram Hendren, Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio.

T. K. Harper.

Sandusky—Peter Seitz, McComb, Hancock County, Ohio.

Asa Ellis, Findley, “ “ “ “

Licking—Eli Ashbrook, Johnstown, Licking County Ohio.

P. Taylor, New Albany, Franklin County Ohio.

Martin Beaver.

Tunis Peters, Columbus “ “ “ “

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Scioto Pretestinarian Baptist Association, to the Churches of which she is composed, sendeth this Epistle of Love:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD—Our general practice will cause you to expect an anniversary address from us the present session; and it is with pleasure we avail ourselves of this opportunity of addressing you in a circular form. And no subject seems to us of more importance than the death and resurrection of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;—therefore we will invite your attention to a few remarks on this interesting subject. First, then, we are to understand by the death of Christ, the Crucifixion or the shedding of his blood, which was long predicted and pointed to. See the offering of Abel, by that faith which is of the operation of God, could look forward to that eventful period, when the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head.

Yea, every bleating lamb brought to the Jewish altar, was a shadow of the offering of the body of Christ. Once for all, his (Christ's,) the very circumstances relative to his death, and the time when it should take place, was all prophesied of. As regards the time, the apostle says in one place, the “fullness of time;”—in another place, “in due time, Christ died for the ungodly.” Christ calls it “the hour and power of darkness.”—and thus, according to the appointment of God, as was foretold by the prophets, the darling Son of God came forward as a victim to offer himself as a sacrifice for sin. Yea, he comes forward to redeem with his blood, the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all things;—and though all nature groaned and the sun forebore to shine, and the rocks began to break, and many of the graves of the saints were opened, and the disciples forsook him, and fled. Yea, the sword of justice was unsheathed against him, as he

came forward, the head and representative of his people. But notwithstanding all this, he met everything, relative to his sufferings, without a murmuring word—but said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit,” saying, “it is finished,” and bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

This was the hour when all the predictions concerning his death were fulfilled, and the sword of justice was, as it were, bathed in heaven; and being steeped in Immanuel's blood, received its full demand, when the veracity of the New Testament was confirmed by the blood of the testator; and the way into the holiest of all, was made manifest. But not only was Jesus delivered for our offences, but he was raised again for our justification; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit, for it was not possible that he should be holden of it; for he, by his active and passive obedience, had fulfilled every demand of the law, and justice. He, who made an end of transgression, and in whom the Father is well pleased, for righteousness sake, could not see corruption; in vain was all the plots of Pilot's councillors, (the chief priests and pharisees,) and all the malice of Satan, to hold the Son of God under the power and dominion of the grave, a convoy of angels in bright attire, came and rolled back the stone, Pilot's guard was affrighted, and became as dead men. The shining messengers from Heaven, said to the weeping Marys, that your Lord is not here, but is risen, as he said before—Come see the place where your Lord lay, behold him coming from Bozra, with his garments dipped in blood, as a mighty conqueror, having the keys of hell, and of death, who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save, who is declared to be the Son of God, with power, in that God hath raised him from the dead, and hath appeared to witnesses chosen before of God, the Marys, to Simon, to the eleven, and to above five hundred brethren at once, and became the first fruits of them that slept.

Now, dear Brethren, we probably have said as much as will be looked for in the limits of a little Circular. Now, may the God of all grace grant us an increase of a good hope, through grace, of our interest in the benefits of his death, that having been planted together in the likeness of his death, we may be also in the likeness of his resurrection, is the prayer of your Brethren in the Lord.

Farewell.

J. S. JOHNSON, Moderator.

T. P. ASHBROOK, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To Ministers and Messengers composing the Scioto Predestinarian Baptist Associations with whom we correspond, send Christian Love.

Through the tender mercy of an indulgent Father, we are once more permitted to meet in associate capacity, and to hear from each other. We are much gratified in receiving Letters and Messengers from our Corresponding Associations, and solicit a continuance of the same. Their presence and ministrations of the word was refreshing to us. Brethren, we rejoice that we can inform you that we are blessed with peace and unity, although we have to acknowledge our leanness, yet we believe that He is ever the same. He has not forsaken his people. We trust that we have been blest with his presence since we met together.

Brethren, let us cultivate peace—how beautiful it is to dwell together in peace and unity. May God grant us wisdom to avoid divisions, but contend for the truth. The Gospel truth makes no divisions among the children of God;—they all drink of the same cup;—but it may be that through weakness in opposing some plain truth, or an exalted imagination of the knowledge of the word of God, may for a time make division. May Jesus rule in and over us, resign our wills to his, and make us more and more sensible that our wisdom is folly, and strength weakness.

Dear Brethren, may our desires arise to God, who alone is able to heal our backslidings and preserve us in peace and unity, that we may walk hand in hand, and see eye to eye, until he be pleased to call us home, where divisions can never come.

Brethren, Farewell.

JOHN S. JOHNSON, Moderator.

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